Paul's Journey to Rome: Proclaiming Jesus Everywhere

As the apostle Paul continued to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, crowds became increasingly contentious, and he was once again arrested and beaten. During the long series of trials that eventually led him to Rome, Paul seized every opportunity to share his testimony and preach the gospel. As we study Paul's journey to Rome, we too can gain confidence and readiness to share the good news of Jesus everywhere we go.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

• What are some of the most unlikely or unexpected situations when you talked about Jesus or your faith?



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READ Acts 21:27-28:31

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Reflecting on the prolonged trials Paul experienced, host Darrell Delaney said, "Even though God didn't cause the persecution that he was experiencing, God still got the glory out of it because he was able to tell his story and able to share the gospel in every situation." Darrell insightfully points out that other people caused the persecution Paul experienced because they didn't like his relationship with and teaching about Jesus. What are some of your life's stories that you know were caused by others' decisions but resulted in opportunities to glorify God and talk about Jesus?
- What lessons or encouragement do you glean from studying Paul's prolonged legal battle and his speeches to Felix, Festus, and King Agrippa?
- In segment 3, host Scott Hoezee discusses Acts 27:35, "That is the Lord's Supper, a sacramental meal taken by all who were onboard the ship...It was a life-giving meal just before the ship is utterly destroyed...what a great reminder of the presence of Christ in all moments of our lives, including...some of the most difficult moments of our lives, Jesus is there." When has the Lord's Supper assured you of the presence of Christ in a difficult season? What helps you continue to give thanks and honor God during the storms of life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Philippians 2:14-16, Galatians 5:13-16, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, John 17:20-23

CONCLUSION

Through Paul's trials and journey to Rome, the Holy Spirit used Paul's testimony to spread the gospel in unexpected ways and places. Not everyone who heard about Jesus liked what they heard or believed in him, but the name of Jesus continued to spread and become known farther around the world. Where have you witnessed what Darrell called the "continuing works of Jesus through the power of his Spirit" today? How are you making yourself available to partner with the Holy Spirit to proclaim the name of Jesus through your words and deeds every day?

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